

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:

storing a table indicative of a ~~correspondence~~ correlation between objects of use and ~~necessary commodities having~~ specifications of commodities required to achieve meeting said objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities on a ~~user's terminal~~ of the user together with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;

acquiring, from said table stored prior to said request of the user, a specification information corresponding to ~~at least one an~~ object of use selected by ~~a the~~ user in said request using the first option ~~based on said correspondence stored in the table~~, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the ~~at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from among the displayed objects of use of the commodities~~ said objects of use displayed via the first option;

retrieving a commodity based on the acquired specification information as a retrieval condition; and

displaying, on the terminal, information of the commodity having the specification information corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification information ~~corresponding to the at least one~~ when selecting said object of use ~~selected by the user~~, where said information of the commodity is retrievable using said specification information of the commodity ~~is retrieved as the retrieval condition responsive using~~

~~the specification as the retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via~~ said second option.

4. (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

5-11 (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides services associated with a commodity sale transaction ~~site on Internet~~, the computer apparatus executing a transaction with an Internet terminal using the Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a database storing information of commodities for sale, the information indicating a correspondence-correlation between objects of use and necessary-commodities having specifications of commodities required to achieve-meeting said objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

a communication unit for transmitting information for displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by said commodities on the Internet terminal ~~and of the user together with~~ a second option listing the specifications of said commodities; and

a retrieval unit for retrieving, from said information stored prior to said request of the user, specification information corresponding to a commodity based on at least one an object of use selected by ~~a the~~ user in said request ~~operating the Internet terminal from using~~ the first option, said retrieving being subsequent to selection of the ~~at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from among the displayed objects of use of the commodities~~ said objects of use displayed via the first option; and

where the communication unit transmits information of the commodity having ~~a the~~ specification information corresponding to the selected object of use to the Internet terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification information ~~corresponding to the selected when selecting said~~ object of use ~~by the user~~, and retrieves said specification information of the commodity ~~using the specification as a retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information among the specifications displayed via~~ from said second option.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet ~~and including executing services associated with a transaction via Internet and~~ connected with a server that provides services associated with a commodity sale transaction site ~~on via the~~ Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit receiving information of items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities from the server, the ~~plurality of objects of use information items~~ identifying a correlation between specific operations implemented by the commodities ~~and corresponding to necessary having~~ specifications of the commodities ~~required to achieve the specific operations meeting said objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;~~

a display unit displaying a first option indicating the plurality of objects of use of the commodities ~~and together with~~ a second option listing the specifications of said commodities; and

an input unit ~~selecting via which an object of use from at least one of the displayed objects of use of the commodities is selected,~~ and

where the communication unit transmits to the server the selected object of use, receives from the server information of a commodity having a specification information among said specifications of commodities corresponding to the selected object of use, without requiring a user's knowledge of the specification information ~~corresponding to the selected~~ when selecting said object of use, ~~subsequent to indication of a desired operation by the user, and the display unit displays the received information, and~~

said information of the commodity is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable using the specification information as a retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable medium embodying a program for causing a computer to execute operations including a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal via a network, said operations comprising:

storing a table indicative of a ~~correspondence~~ correlation between objects of use and ~~necessary specifications of commodities~~ having specifications meeting required to achieve said

objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities for sale on the terminal with-together with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;

acquiring, from said table stored prior to said request of the user, a-specification information corresponding to at-least-one-an object of use selected by a-the user in said request using the first option ~~based on said correspondence stored in the table~~, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the ~~at-least-one-object of use indicating a desired operation from among the displayed objects of use of commodities~~ said objects of use displayed via the first option;

retrieving a commodity for sale based on the acquired specification information as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data of the commodity having a-the specification information corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification information corresponding to the selected-when selecting said object of use ~~by the user~~, where said data of the commodity is ~~retrieved-retrievable~~ using the specification information as the retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

17-19 (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal using a network, the method comprising:

storing a table indicative of a correspondence-correlation between objects of use and necessary-commodities having specifications of commodities required to achieve-meeting said objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities for sale on the terminal together with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;

acquiring, from said table stored prior to said request of the user, a-specification information corresponding to at-least-one-an object of use selected by a-the user in said request using the first option ~~based on said correspondence stored in the table~~, said acquiring being

subsequent to selection of the ~~at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities~~ among said objects of use displayed via the first option;

retrieving a commodity for sale based on the acquired specification information as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data of the commodity having the specification information corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification information ~~corresponding to the selected when selecting said~~ object of use ~~by the user~~, where said data of the commodity is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable using the specification information as the retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal using a network, the method comprising:

storing a table indicative of a ~~correspondence~~ correlation between objects of use and ~~necessary commodities having specifications of commodities required to achieve meeting~~ said objects of use, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities together with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities for sale on the terminal;

acquiring, from said table stored prior to said request of the user, ~~a~~ specification information corresponding to ~~at least one an~~ object of use selected by ~~a the~~ user in said request using the first option ~~based on said correspondence stored in the table~~, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the ~~at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities~~ among said objects of use displayed via the first option;

retrieving a commodity for sale based on the acquired specification information as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data of the commodity having the retrieved specification information without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification information ~~corresponding to the selected when selecting said~~ object of use ~~by the user~~, where said data of the commodity is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable using the specification information of the commodity as the retrieval

condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

storing a table indicative of a ~~correspondence~~ correlation between usage information and ~~necessary commodities having specifications of commodities~~ meeting said usage information, said correlation being stored prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option of selectable commodities usage information identifying specific operations implemented by corresponding to commodities together with a second option listing the specifications of the commodities;

acquiring, from said table stored prior to said request of the user, a specification information corresponding to usage information selected by ~~a the~~ the user in said request using the first option, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the usage information ~~indicating a desired operation from the displayed first option of among~~ the selectable commodities usage information displayed via the first option; and

retrieving a commodity based on the acquired specification information as a retrieval condition and displaying data ~~regarding of~~ the commodity having ~~specifications the specification information~~ specification information corresponding to the selected ~~commodities~~ usage information on the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification ~~information corresponding to the usage information selected by the user~~ when selecting said usage information, where said data of the commodity is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable using the specification information as the retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

receiving usage information ~~corresponding to a commodity selected using a first option, where among~~ usage information of commodities ~~identifies~~ identifying specific operations implemented by ~~the commodities~~, said first option being displayed together with a second option ~~lists~~ listing specifications of said commodities; and

retrieving and displaying data regarding a commodity having ~~specifications~~ specification information corresponding to the usage information selected subsequent to a user's selection of

the usage information via the first option without requiring the user's knowledge of the ~~specifications corresponding to the selected usage information~~ when selecting the usage information, where said data of the commodity is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable using the ~~specifications~~ specification information as a retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among specifications listed via said second option.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

retrieving and displaying ~~a~~ specification information of the ~~a~~ commodity subsequent to a selection of usage information by a user from a first option indicating usage information of commodities identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities, said first option being displayed together with a second option listing specification information of commodities, and

where the usage information is stored ~~correspondingly to~~ correspond with ~~respective the~~ specification information of ~~a commodity~~ the commodities ~~to retrieve specification information of~~ the ~~for retrieval of a~~ commodity without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification information, and said specification information is ~~retrieved~~ retrievable responsive using a ~~specification of the commodity as a retrieval condition responsive to a~~ direct selection of the specification information from among the specification information of the commodities displayed via a second option.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

storing attribute information of commodities available for sale in correlation with objects of use of the commodities, said storing being prior to a request by a user;

displaying a first option of ~~an object~~ objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by ~~each of the commodities for sale~~ based on the stored attribute information, ~~and displaying together with~~ a second option listing specifications required of the commodities; and

receiving a selection of ~~a the~~ user from ~~the displayed~~ indicating an object of use using the first option and retrieving specification information of ~~a corresponding to the selected object of use~~ commodity subsequent to the selection of a desired operation from said specific operations implemented by the commodities without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification information when selecting the object of use, where said specification information

~~of the commodity is retrieved-retrievable~~ using the ~~specifications-specification information~~ as a retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection of the specification information from among the specifications displayed via said second option.

27. (CANCELLED)

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method, comprising:

determining a commodity meeting a need of a user in response to a selection from a first option displaying operations implemented by components of commodities by the user, said operations corresponding to specifications and object of uses of the commodities and said first option displayed together with a second option listing specifications of each commodity; and

~~retrieving only a list of commodities matching a desired operation selected-said selection from said operations by the user using the first option-subsequent to said determining~~, where said list of commodities is ~~retrieved-retrievable~~ using a specification information as a retrieval condition responsive to a direct selection from among the specifications listed via said second option.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of retrieving a commodity, comprising:

displaying a specification retrieval option listing components of commodities simultaneously with an object of use option listing objects of use of commodities in an initial menu; and

~~identifying-providing specification information of~~ a commodity matching an object of use selected by a first user from said object of use option of said initial menu without requiring the first user to have knowledge of the specification when selecting said object of use, where the specification information commodity-is-identified-is retrievable responsive to a direct selection of components of the commodity by a second user using said specification retrieval option of the initial menu.